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In re application of

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Application No. **NEW NON-PROVISIONAL** Group

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DRYING METHOD AND DRYING APPARATUS FOR COATING LAYER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.